by an individual from consultancy in a financial year has been removed;

(iv) CSIR scientists are now permitted to be on Board of Directors of Companies;

(v) CSIR scientists are permitted Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) to undertake all industrial activities pertaining to the innovation chain; and

(vi) CSIR scientists can now avail of the facility of sabbatical leave, for working on other activities of innovation chain with industry, project engineering firms, technology marketing/transfer agencies etc.

Cases pending in Supreme Court

489. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending in Supreme Court till 31st March, 1995, criminal and civil cases separately; and

(b) what measures are being contemplated by Government for early disposal of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per available information, the number of cases pending in the Supreme Court as on 1.4.95 was as follows:

Admission Matters—26043 (Actual files not expanded)

Regular Matters—21933 (Actual fille not expanded)

(b) The Supreme Court has taken various steps to expedite the disposal of cases, which include, grouping together of similar matters and larger groups being given priority in listing, setting apart three days a week for regular hearing matters and constitution of specialised benches etc. The daily working hours of the Supreme Court have also been extended by half an hour.

Share of Indian shoe industry in the global market

490. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of Indian shoe industry in the global market is one percent only?

(b) whether Government are aware that there is great scope of increasing this percentage if adequate infrastructural facilities are made available to the industry; and

(c) if so, the steps contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government is supporting two national level programmes, viz, National Leather Development Programme (NLDP) and the Leather Technology Mission (LTM) to create infrastructural facilities for design & product development, provision of upgraded training and for implementation of modernisation/ecofriendly processes in tanning sector. Joint ventures in the country with overseas agencies are encouraged for the manufacture of shoe and shoe components.

With the setting up of Footwear Testing Laboratories at Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) Madras and Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Noida, international standard testing facilities are now available in India. Computer Aided Design (CAD) facilities have been established at Noida, Madras, Agra and

Kanpur. It is also contemplated to provide technical assistance to new entrepreneurs setting up footwear component units.

Development of Herbal Medicines from different plant species

491. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is one of the World's 12 leading bio-diversity centres with the presence of over 45,000 different plant species and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has already identified about 400 useful plants with an eye for a potential Rs. 4,000 crore market for herbal medicine in 5 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lack of standardised products, lack of reliable production technologies and the absence of scientific knowledge about the effect of drugs are coming in our way; and

(c) if so, by when the CSIR propose to come out with a blue print for action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) CSIR has put in place a few ongoing programmes with industrial partners for standardisation of herbal preparations and development of plant based drugs. However, the full benefits of the synergy of science, the rich bio-diversity and traditional herbal preparations can accrue to the national through economic activities pursued by the Indian drug industry as a consequence of the joint programmes. CSIR is thus further enhancing and strengthening this activity and its interaction with other constituents of the programme.

Enrolment of Government servants in Bar Council

492. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3190 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the Bar Council of India has since finalised the matter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when the matter is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Yes, sir. The Bar Council of India examined the complain and found that there was no mis-representation of essential fact or fraud or undue influence in the matter of enrolment of the Government servant concerned as an advocate. The Council, therefore, has decided not to interfere in the matter.

"कपार्ट" द्वारा स्वयंसेवी संगठनों को सहायता

493. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) लोक अभियान तथा ग्रामीण प्रौद्योगिकी समुन्नति परिषद् (कपार्ट) द्वारा काली सूची में दर्ज किए गए स्वयंसेवी संगठनों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इन संगठनों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है;

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वार "कपार्ट" के 16 अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कोई जांच की जा रही है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या सरकार काली सूची में दर्ज सैकड़ों संगठनों तथा उनमें अंतर्ग्रस्त भारी धनराशि को देखते हुए केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा एक संपूर्ण जांच कराएगी; और